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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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UPDATE ON THE WILLIAMS FIRE

As a follow up to the earlier memo I sent you, the Williams Fire has now consumed 4,000 acres with an estimated 10% containment. The fire is burning in very heavy fuel that has not been burned since approximately 1960.

No structures have been lost, but there are cabins in the West Fork of San Dimas Canyon that are currently threatened. Approximately 3,000 people have been evacuated from the recreational areas near Camp Williams and Fellows Camp in the East Fork. In addition, there have been 200 residents evacuated from Camp Williams, Tan Bark and San Dimas Canyon.

Although the residential communities of Glendora and San Dimas are not immediately threatened, evacuation plans have been prepared as a contingency. The fire is approximately one mile from the nearest residential area and this afternoon's winds are pushing against the fire.

I will keep you informed of any further developments.

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